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SUBJECT: MAY DAY IN JAPAN

1. JOINT LABOR AND SOCIALIST-SPONSORED MAY DAY BALLIES, DESPITE FINE SPRING WEATHER, DREW CROWDS FAR SMALLER THAN SPONSORS PERDICTED. ADVERTISED AS GATHERING SEVEN MILLION PERSONS NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING HALF MILLION IN TOKYO, POLICE ESTIMATE TOTAL ACTUAL ATTENDANNCE 1,245,000 INCLUDING 161,000 IN TOKYO.

2. MAY DAY RALLY IS ONLY EVENT JOINTLY SPONSORED BY ALL FOUR LABOR NATIONAL CENTERS PLUS JSP, JCP, DSP, AND KOMEITO. THIS YEAR SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKOTO ICHIKAWA MADE PRINCIPAL ADDRSS AT TOKYO RALLY. HE EMPHASIZED LABOR'S DEMAND TO BREAK GOJ AND EMPLOYERS 15 PRCENT WAGE INCREASE LIMIT "GUIDELINES". THAT PROVIDE ONLY ISSUE GENERATING WIDESPREAD POPULAR INTEREST. OTHERWISE OLD-SCHOOL, SOCIALIST-TYPE EVANGELISTIC CELEBRATION AIMED AT STRENGTHENING WORKER-PROLETARIAT SOLIDARITY LOST GROUND. FOLLOWING TREND OF RECENT YEARS MORE PEOPLE CAME TO RALLIES IN FAMILY GROUPS AND STAYED TO PICNIC RATHER THAN TO MARCH. PARADES DID FOLLOW RALLIES, BUT ATMPSHERE WAS NOT HOSTILE AND POLICE HAD NO TROUBLE MAINTAINING ORDER. RADICAL SPIRIT WHICH TRIGGERED MAJOR RIOTING AND MARCH UPON IMPERIAL PALACE ON MAY DAY, 1952 COMPLETELY ABSENT IN 1975.

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